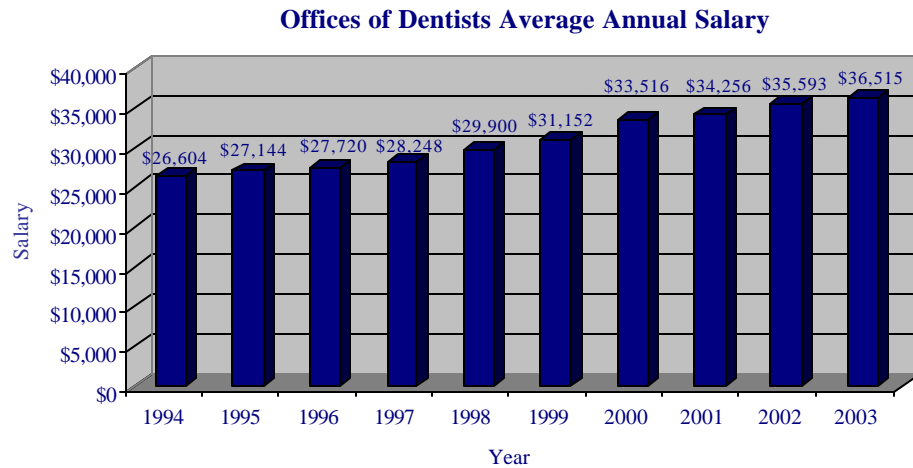
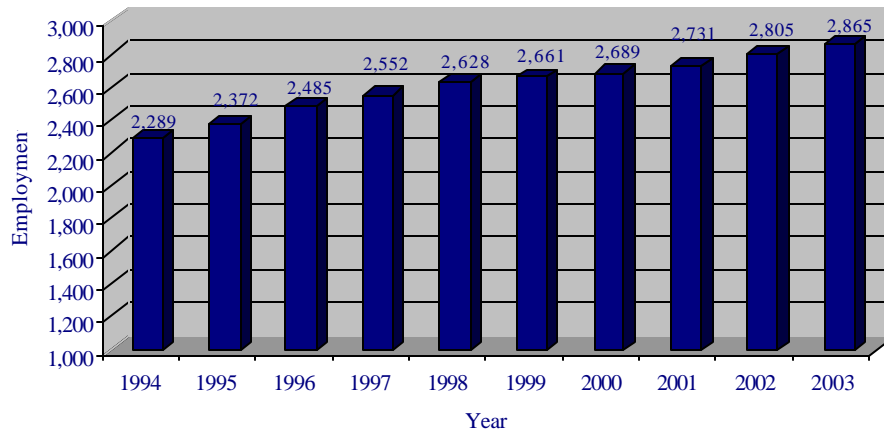


Dental Careers



Offices of Dentists Average Annual Employment



The Dental Industry

Rhode Island's Dental industry employed 2,865 workers at an annual average salary of \$36,515 in 2003. Included in this total are establishments of health practitioners having the degree of D.M.D. (Doctor of dental medicine), D.D.S. (Doctor of dental surgery), or D.D.Sc. (Doctor of dental science). These practitioners operate private or group practices in their own offices (e.g., centers, clinics) or in the facilities of others, such as hospitals or HMO medical centers. They can provide either comprehensive preventive, cosmetic, or emergency care, or specialize in a single field of dentistry.

Three occupations that support the dental industry are found in other industries. Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary are employed in Educational Services; Medical Equipment Repairers are employed by Professional and Commercial Equipment Wholesalers and by General Medical Surgical Wholesalers; and Dental Laboratory Technicians are found in the Medical Equipment and Supplies Manufacturing industry.

2002 - 2012 Employment Projections

Rhode Island Occupational Employment Statistics - November 2003

Occupation	Hourly Wage		
	Median	Entry	Experienced
Bookkeeping & Accounting Clerks	\$14.99	\$12.25	\$17.75
Dental Assistants	\$15.80	\$14.67	\$16.92
Dental Hygienists	\$25.98	\$23.89	\$28.06
Dental Laboratory Technicians	\$16.25	\$14.91	\$22.30
Medical Equipment Repairers	\$18.53	\$15.14	\$24.41
Medical Secretaries	\$14.35	\$12.07	\$16.62
Office Managers Workers	\$20.58	\$17.10	\$25.20
Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$11.10	\$ 9.40	\$13.10

Occupation	2002 Employment	2012 Projection	Total Openings
Bookkeeping & Accounting Clerks	8,238	8,301	1,606
Dental Assistants	1,090	1,404	619
Dental Hygienists	626	779	206
Dental Laboratory Technicians	57	44	12
Dentists	668	630	112
Medical Equipment Repairers	83	92	32
Medical Secretaries	2,667	2,875	719
Office Managers	4,807	4,961	1,185
Receptionists and Information Clerks	3,616	4,405	1,677

DLT is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program.

Auxiliary aids & services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Dental Professionals

Dentist: This broad occupation includes the following four detailed professional dental occupations. 29-1020

29-1021 Dentists, General: Diagnose and treat diseases, injuries, and malformations of teeth and gums and related oral structures. May treat diseases of nerve, pulp, and other dental tissues affecting vitality of teeth.

29-1022 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons: Perform surgery on mouth, jaws, and related head and neck structure to execute difficult and multiple extractions of teeth, to remove tumors and other abnormal growths, to correct abnormal jaw relations by mandibular or maxillary revision, to prepare mouth for insertion of dental prosthesis, or to treat fractured jaws. Illustrative Example: Dental Surgeon

29-1023 Orthodontists: Examine, diagnose, and treat dental malocclusions and oral cavity anomalies. Design and fabricate appliances to realign teeth and jaws to produce and maintain normal function and to improve appearance.

29-1024 Prosthodontists: Construct oral prostheses to replace missing teeth and other oral structures to correct natural and acquired deformation of mouth and jaws, to restore and maintain oral function, such as chewing and speaking, and to improve appearance.

29-1029 Dentists, All Other Specialists:

Endodontists: A dentist specializing in diseases of the dental pulp and nerve.

Periodontist: A dentist specializing in diseases of the gums and other structure surrounding the teeth.

Oral Maxillofacial Pathologist: Examines and diagnoses pathologic conditions of the oral and paraoral tissues and structures.

29-2021 Dental Hygienists: Clean teeth and examine oral areas, head, and neck for signs of oral disease. May educate patients on oral hygiene, take and develop X-rays, or apply fluoride or sealants. Illustrative Example: Oral Hygienist. *Median Wage: \$ 25.98*

31-9091 Dental Assistants: Assist dentist, set up patient and equipment, and keep records. *Median Wage: \$15.80*

25-1071 Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary: Teach courses in health specialties, such as veterinary medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, therapy, laboratory technology, and public health. Exclude “Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary” (25-1072) and “Biological Science Teachers, Postsecondary” (25-1042) who teach medical science. Illustrative Examples: Pharmacology Teacher; Dentistry Teacher.

Dental Support Occupations

43-1011 Office Managers: Supervise and coordinate the activities of clerical and administrative support workers. *Median Wage: \$20.58*

43-3031 Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks: Compute, classify, and record numerical data to keep financial records complete. Perform any combination of routine calculating, posting, and verifying duties to obtain primary financial data for use in maintaining accounting records. May also check the accuracy of figures, calculations, and postings pertaining to business transactions recorded by other workers. Illustrative Examples: Accounts Receivable Clerk. *Median Wage: \$14.99*

43-6013 Medical Secretaries: Perform secretarial duties utilizing specific knowledge of medical terminology and hospital, clinic, or laboratory procedures. Duties include scheduling appointments, billing patients, and compiling and recording medical charts, reports, and correspondence. Illustrative Examples: Dental Secretary. *Median Wage: \$14.35*

43-4171 Receptionists and Information Clerks: Answer inquiries and obtain information for general public, customers, visitors, and other interested parties. Provide information regarding activities conducted at establishment; location of departments, offices, and employees within organization. Illustrative Examples: Appointment Clerk; Front Desk Clerk; Referral and Information Aide. *Median Wage: \$11.10*

49-9062 Medical Equipment Repairers: Test, adjust, or repair biomedical or electromedical equipment. Illustrative Examples: Biomedical Equipment Technician; Surgical Instrument Mechanic. *Median Wage: \$18.53*

51-9081 Dental Laboratory Technicians: (Orthodontic Technician) Construct and repair full or partial dentures or dental appliances. Exclude “Dental Assistants” (31-9091). Illustrative Examples: Ceramist; Crown and Bridge Technician. *Median Wage: \$16.25*



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